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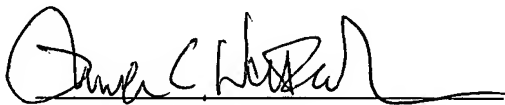
Applicant is hereby submitting this Preliminary Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115(a) and (b)(1). Applicant respectfully requests that the Amendment be approved.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of all claims is solicited.

Applicant hereby authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Applicants' Deposit Account Number 03-2026 for any fees incurred with respect to this amendment.

Applicants would appreciate a telephone call to the undersigned attorney of record should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to this Preliminary Amendment or the claim language for purposes of efficiently resolving same.

Respectfully submitted,

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